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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMO: TALKING POINTS FOR ATHERTON'S
MEETING WITH KING HASSAN (S/S NO 7520899)

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FOR SECRETARY FROM SAUNDERS THROUGH SISCO

1. FOLLOWING FOR YOUR APPROVAL ARE PROPOSED TALKING POINTS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON DURING HIS AUDIENCE AS YOUR EMISSARY WITH KING HASSAN II OF MOROCCO

2. RECOMMENDATION; THAT YOU APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CABLE TO ATHERTON.

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TUNIS EYES ONLY FOR ATHERTON FROM SECRETARY

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE APPROVED TALKING POINTS ON THE SPANISH SAHARA FOR YOUR AUDIENCE WITH KING HASSAN:

YOU SHOULD SAY:

2. THE US IS PLEASED WITH HIS MAJESTY'S CONSTRUCTIVE AND RESPONSIVE REPLY TO MY MESSAGE. IN HIS REJECTION OF MILITARY ACTION AGAINST SPAIN, KING HASSAN HAS AGAIN DEMONSTRATED THE WISDOM AND STATESMANSHIP WHICH I HAVE COME TO ASSOCIATE WITH HIS REIGN.

3. AS HIS MAJESTY KNOWS, THE UNITED STATES IS NEUTRAL WITH REGARD TO THE SAHARA DISPUTE ALTHOUGH WE FOLLOW SAHARAN DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY AND ARE CONCERNED THAT THE PROBLEM BE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY. MY VIEWS ON THE PREFERABLE OUTCOME OF THIS ISSUE REMAIN AS I STATED THEM TO HIS MAJESTY IN OUR LAST MEETING, BUT I CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT ALL PARTIES WILL APPROACH RESOLUTION IN A MANNER WHICH WILL NOT LEAD TO POLITICAL OR MILITARY CONFRONTATION.

4. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF EACH PARTY COULD GIVE SOME CONSIDERATION TO THE DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED BY THE OTHER PARTIES. SPAIN, BESET WITH INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES,
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DOES NOT FEEL ABLE TO OPPOSE INTERNATIONAL OPINION IN DIVERTING ITSELF OF THIS COLONIAL APPURTENANCE AND ALGERIA, REGARDLESS OF ITS LEGAL POSITION IS, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, INVOLVED. IF A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION IS TO TAKE PLACE, SOME METHOD MUST BE FOUND TO ACCOMMODATE OR AT LEAST APPEAR TO ACCOMMODATE EVERYONE'S LEGITIMATE INTEREST.

5. IN THIS CONTEXT, WE HAVE NOTED HIS MAJESTY'S ADDRESS

ANNOUNCING PLANS FOR A MARCH OF UNARMED MOROCCAN CIVILIANS INTO THE SAHARA AND WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THIS PLAN, IF IMPLEMENTED, COULD MAKE DIPLOMATIC RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM MORE DIFFICULT IN THAT IT WOULD FORCE THE PARTIES TO FOCUS THEIR ATTENTION ON THIS SINGLE ACTION RATHER THAN ON THE BROADER PROCESS OF RESOLUTION. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE NOW EXISTS IN THE UN AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BUT IT WOULD TAKE TIME TO WORK ITSELF OUT, AND THE COURSE OF ITS DEVELOPMENT SHOULD NOT BE DISTURBED PREMATURELY. IN THIS REGARD HIS MAJESTY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THERE ARE MANY THINGS THE US CAN DO TO ASSIST THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS WITHIN A UN FRAMEWORK WHICH WE COULD NOT DO APPROPRIATELY OUTSIDE OF THAT CONTEXT.

6. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, WE DOUBT THAT SPAIN WOULD BE PREPARED TO TRANSFER SOVEREIGNTY IN THE SAHARA TO MOROCCO. WE WONDER WHAT POSSIBLE ROUTES HIS MAJESTY SEES AND WHAT

COURSES OF ACTION HE MIGHT PROPOSE WHICH COULD LEAD TO A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION FAVORABLE TO MOROCCO.
END CABLE TEXT.

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